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JANE'S UNCLE BEN HAD BEEN A SCIENTIST AND EXPLORER. HE RECEIVED THEM IN A ROOM FULL OF HIS EXOTIC TROPHIES...

A MOMENT LATER...
YESSIR, KING KALA WAS A SCIENTIST WITHOUT KNOWING IT... AND A SUPERSTITIOUS SAVAGE AT THE SAME TIME. HE PUT A SILLY CURSE ON HIS POTION: "HE WHO USES THE MAGIC POTION TO HARM HIS FELLOW MAN..."
....

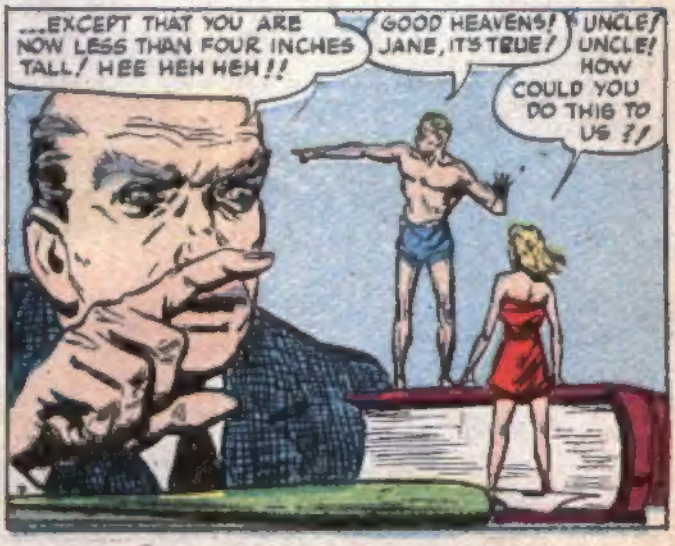
"...SHALL FEEL THE CURSE OF KING KALA!" HA HA... THE OLD FOOL! BUT HIS POTION WORKED! JUST A FEW DROPS OF THIS LIQUID, AND...
INCREDIBLE!
I'M SORRY, SIR, BUT I JUST CAN'T CAN'T BELIEVE..

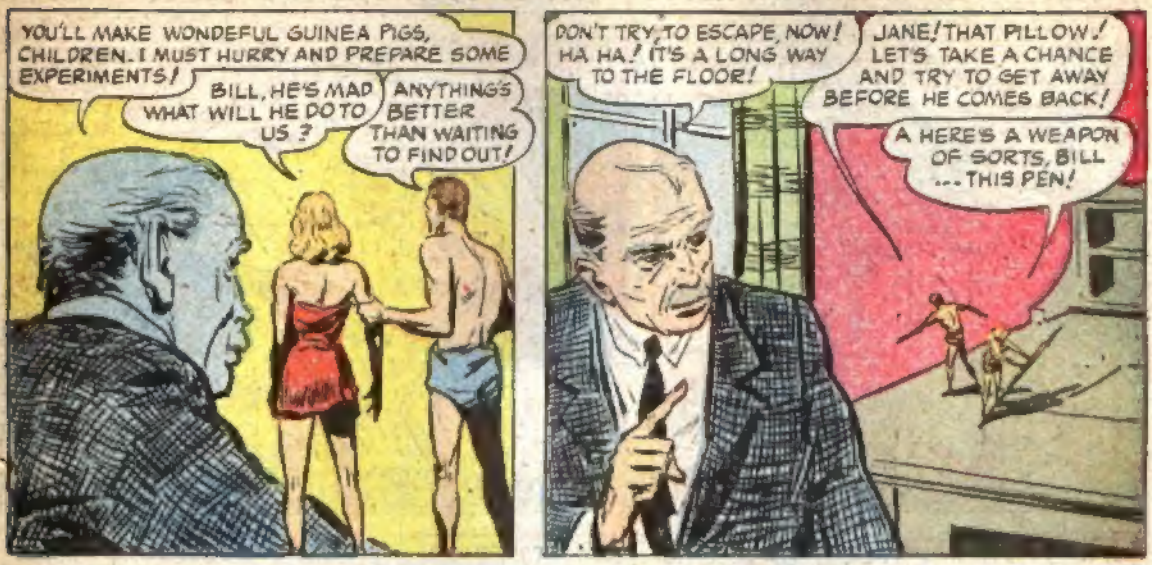
OHH! I FEEL SO FUNNY!!
JANE! WHAT IS IT?
CAN'T BELIEVE IT, EH? IN A MOMENT YOU'LL KNOW IT'S TRUE..

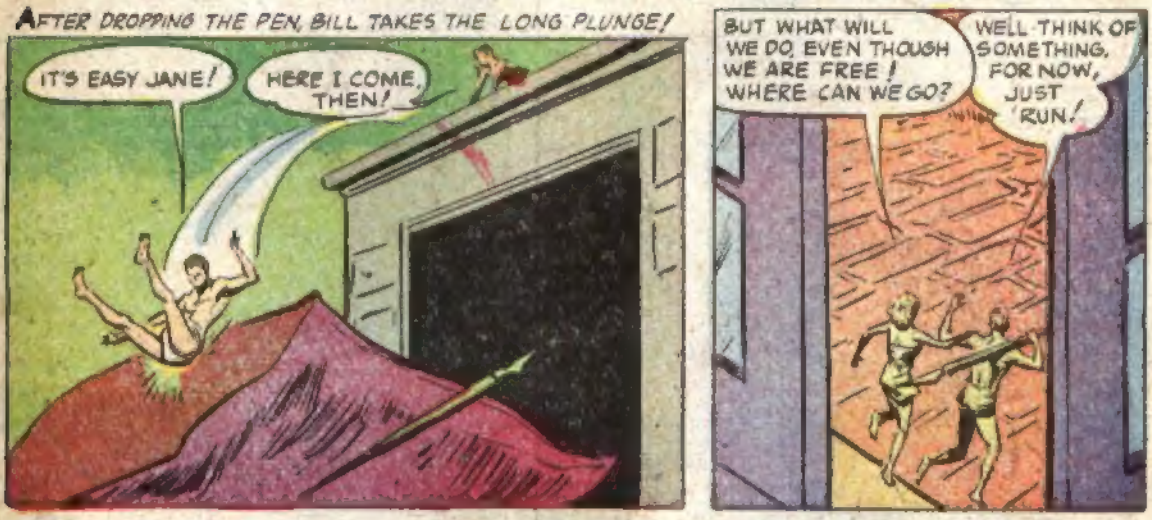
...BECAUSE YOUR TEA WAS FULL OF KING KALA'S MAGIC POTION HA HA!
BILL! I FEEL SO AWFUL!
UGGH! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO US?

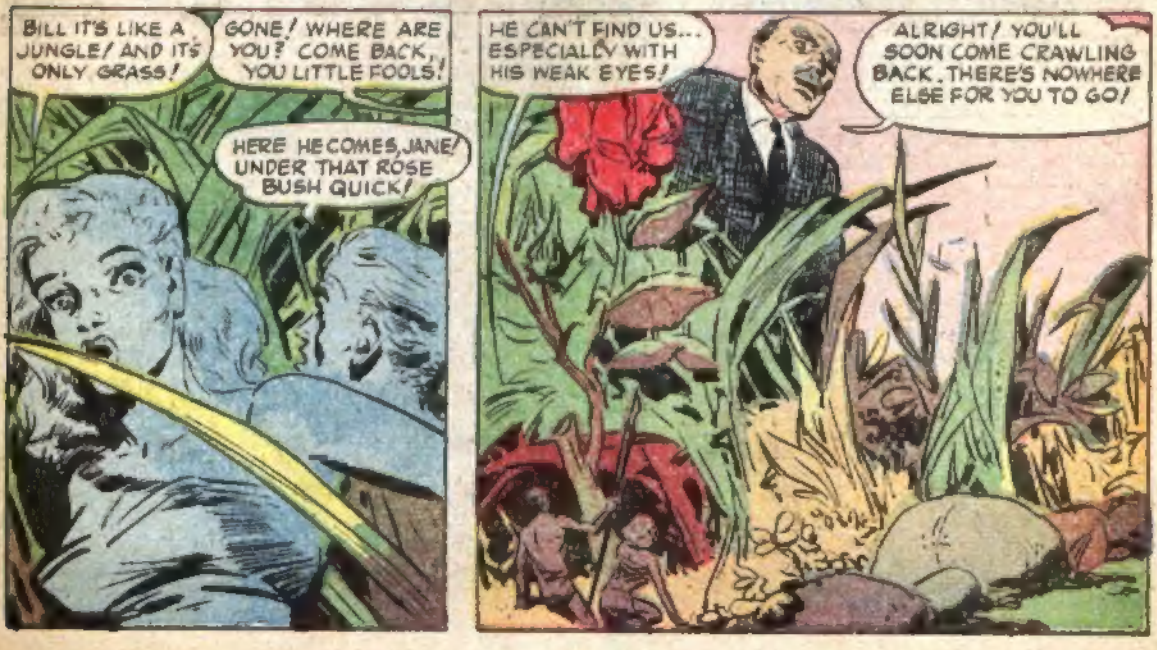
THE ROOM SEEMS TO WHIRL, BRIGHT FLASHES FILL THE AIR ...AND THEN, BLACKNESS!!
YOU'RE PERFECT SUBJECTS FOR MY EXPERIMENT! YOUNG AND HEALTHY... AND NOBODY KNOWS WHERE YOU ARE!

THE DARKNESS PASSES. THEY REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS, AND...
BILL! WHAT... WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE...?
I DON'T KNOW DARLING—I THINK
YOU'RE PERFECTLY ALRIGHT, CHILDREN...


...EXCEPT THAT YOU ARE NOW LESS THAN FOUR INCHES TALL! HEE HEH HEH!!
GOOD HEAVENS! JANE, IT'S TRUE!
UNCLE! UNCLE! HOW COULD YOU DO THIS TO US?!


YOU'LL MAKE WONDEFUL GUINEA PIGS, CHILDREN. I MUST HURRY AND PREPARE SOME EXPERIMENTS!
BILL, HE'S MAD WHAT WILL HE DO TO US ?
ANYTHING'S BETTER THAN WAITING TO FIND OUT!
DON'T TRY TO ESCAPE, NOW! HA HA! IT'S A LONG WAY TO THE FLOOR!
JANE! THAT PILLOW! LET'S TAKE A CHANCE AND TRY TO GET AWAY BEFORE HE COMES BACK!
A HERE'S A WEAPON OF SORTS, BILL ... THIS PEN!


AFTER DROPPING THE PEN, BILL TAKES THE LONG PLUNGE!
IT'S EASY JANE!
HERE I COME, THEN!
BUT WHAT WILL WE DO, EVEN THOUGH WE ARE FREE! WHERE CAN WE GO?
WELL THINK OF SOMETHING, FOR NOW, JUST RUN!


BILL IT'S LIKE A JUNGLE! AND IT'S ONLY GRASS!
GONE! WHERE ARE YOU? COME BACK, YOU LITTLE FOOLS!
HERE HE COMES, JANE! UNDER THAT ROSE BUSH QUICK!
HE CAN'T FIND US... ESPECIALLY WITH HIS WEAK EYES!
ALRIGHT! YOU'LL SOON COME CRAWLING BACK. THERE'S NOWHERE ELSE FOR YOU TO GO!

AND SO BEGINS SEVERAL DAYS OF UNBELIEVABLE HORROR...!

IT'S GOING TO BE TOUGH, JANE. WE'RE TOO SMALL TO TRAVEL FAR, AND...

BILL! BEHIND US!

TINY INSECTS BECOME MONSTROUS BEASTS...

STAY OUT OF THE WAY, JANE!

HE HAS NO STOMACH FOR A FIGHT, JANE! DON'T WORRY...HE'S LEAVING!

OH, BILL, I'M SO AFRAID! I NEVER DREAMED...!

DOMESTIC CREATURES TURN INTO HUGE AND DANGEROUS ENEMIES!

BY DAY THEY QUENCH THEIR THIRST WITH DEW AND FEED THEMSELVES ON SEEDS AND BERRIES, FIGHTING FOR EVERY MORSEL...

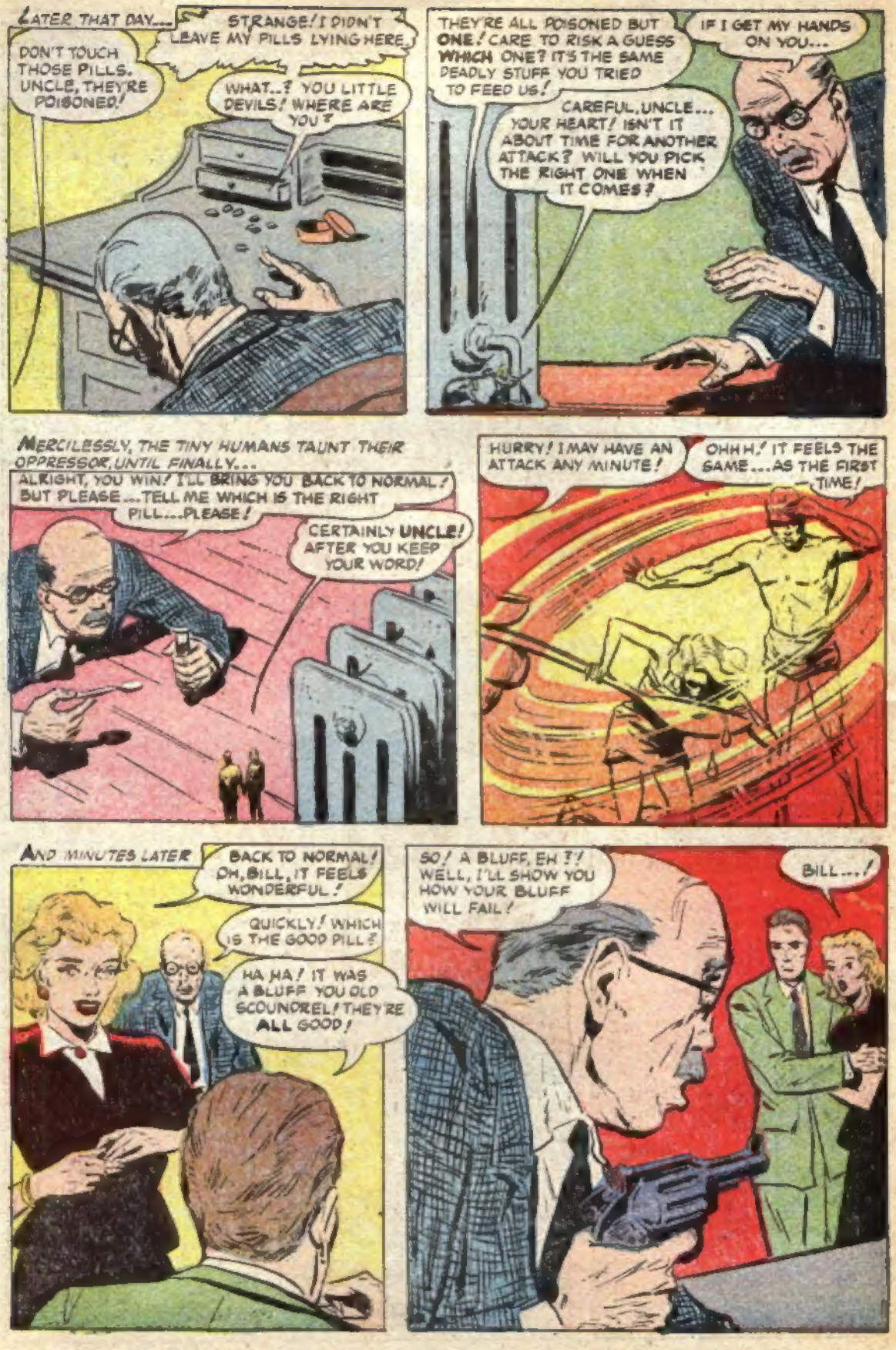
I JUST HOPE HE DIDN'T BRING ANY FRIENDS! ANTS ARE REAL FIGHTERS!

AND BY NIGHT THEY CROUCH IN TINY HOLES HIDING FROM THE SAVAGE HUNTERS OF THE DARK HOURS....

UGGHH! A RAT! BILL WE CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS,

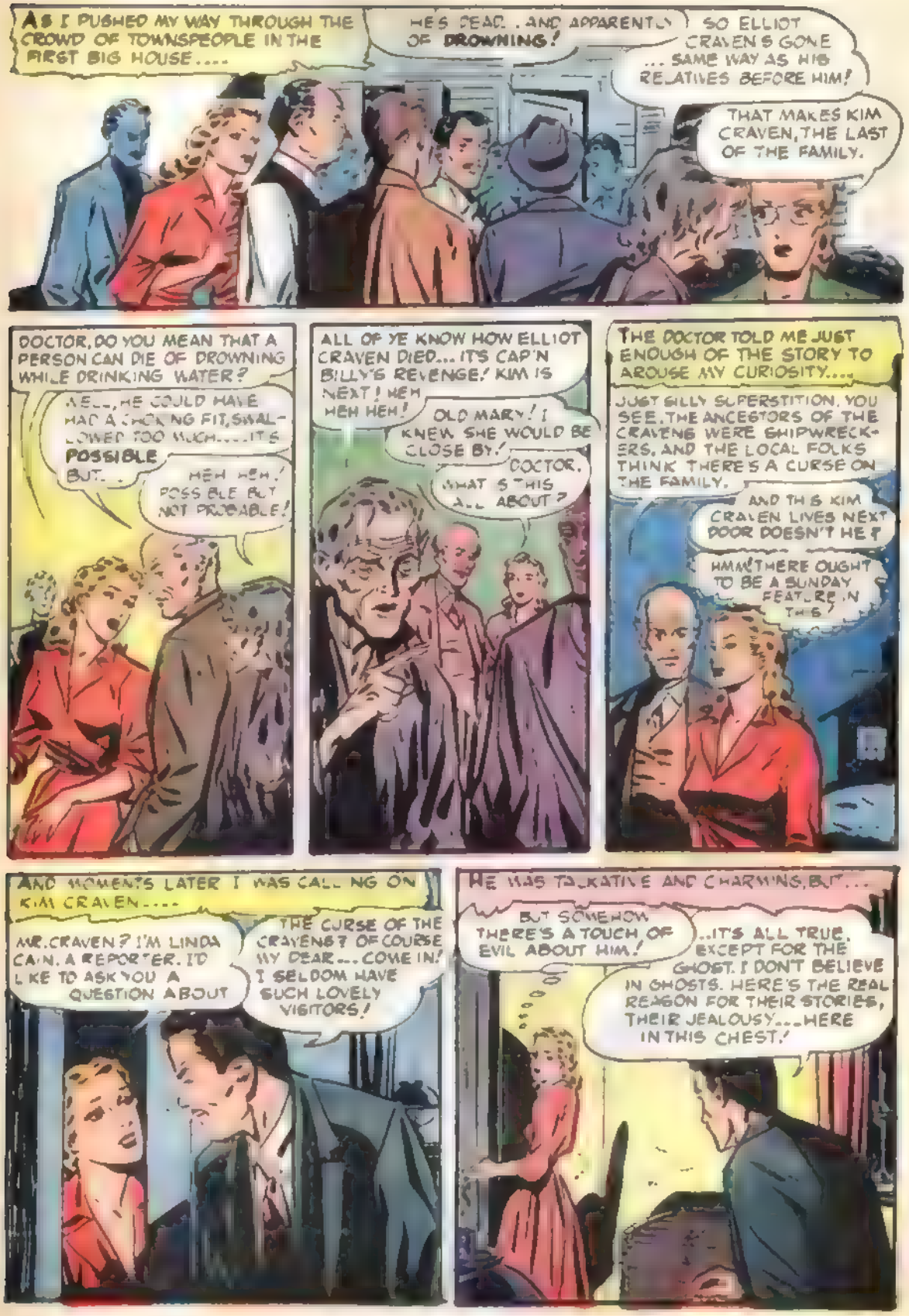
SHH! THIS HOLE IS TOO SMALL FOR HIM TO GET INTO!

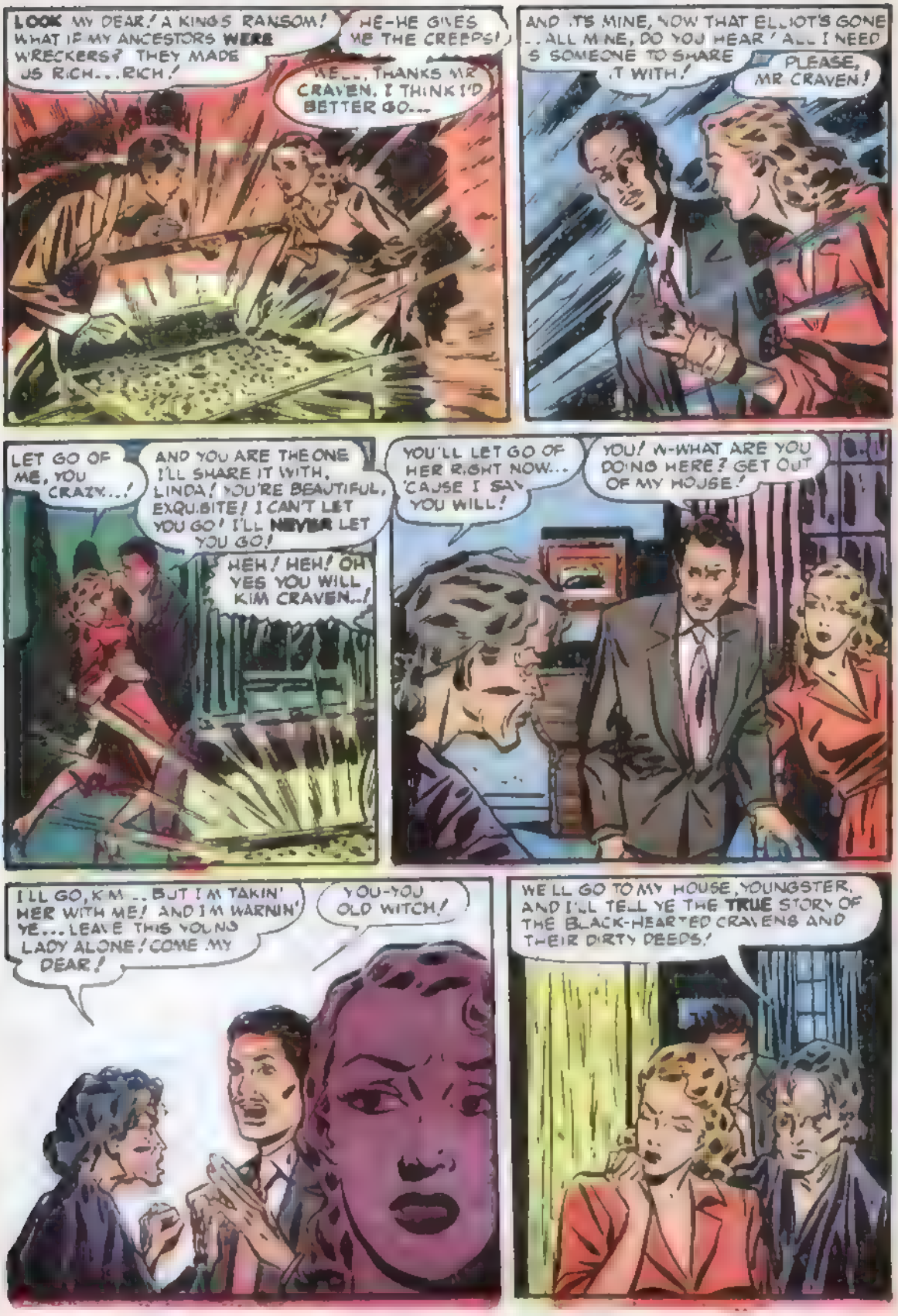
FINALLY, ONE MORNING...
WE'D BETTR HURRY ACROSS THIS OPEN SPACE AND...
DUCK, JANE!
LOOKOUT, BILL!
THERE'S ONE CHANCE, JANE... AND I THINK IT WILL WORK
MADE IT! NOW TO GET MY SPEAR LOOSE!
THERE'S NO TIME! RUN! HERE COMES UNCLE BEN!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? AHH... I SEE!
YOU LITTLE IDIOTS ARE STILL ALIVE, THEN. WELL, SINCE THE BEASTS HAVEN'T GOTTEN RID OF YOU...I WILL I'D RATHER HAVE YOU DEAD THAN USELESS TO ME!
AN HOUR LATER...
LOOK! A BUNCH OF GRAPES! WONT THEY TASTE DELICIOUS?
FUNNY. I'VE SEEN NO GRAPES GROWING AROUND HERE! LET'S WATCH THAT FIELD MOUSE!
THE MOUSE TAKES ONE NIBBLE FROM A GRAPE, AND....
POISON! I KNEW IT YOUR UNCLE IS TRYING TO POISON US JANE!
OH, BILL, BILL! IT'S HOPELESS! WE'RE DOOMED!
NOT HOPELESS, JANE I'VE JUST HAD AN IDEA! IF ONLY WE CAN GET INTO YOUR UNCLE'S DESK, WE CAN FORCE HIM TO RESTORE US TO NORMAL!

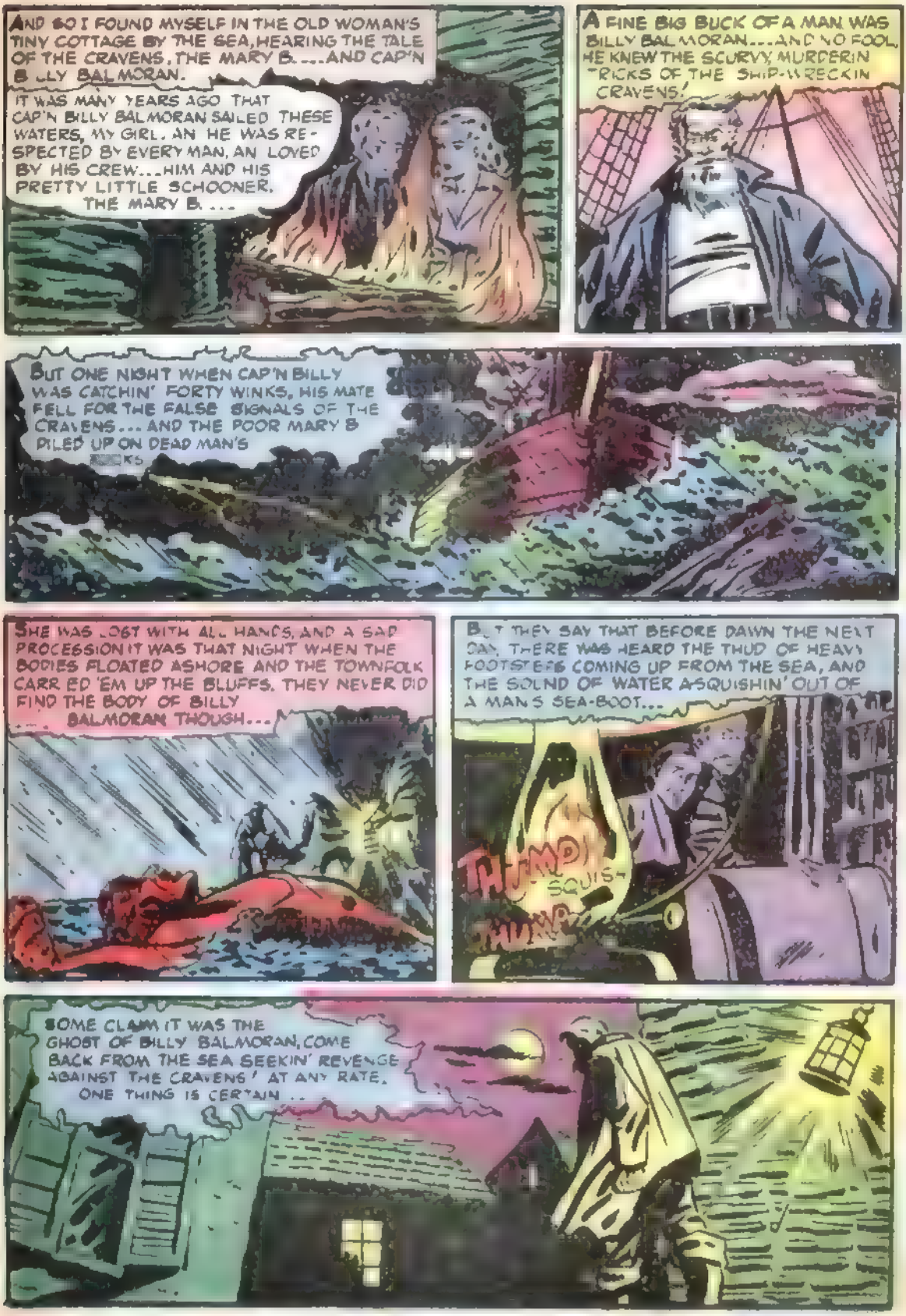

LATER THAT DAY...
STRANGE! I DIDN'T LEAVE MY PILLS LYING HERE
DON'T TOUCH THOSE PILLS, UNCLE, THEY'RE POISONED!
WHAT..? YOU LITTLE DEVILS! WHERE ARE YOU?
THEY'RE ALL POISONED BUT ONE! CARE TO RISK A GUESS WHICH ONE? IT'S THE SAME DEADLY STUFF YOU TRIED TO FEED US!
IF I GET MY HANDS ON YOU...
CAREFUL, UNCLE... YOUR HEART! ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME FOR ANOTHER ATTACK? WILL YOU PICK THE RIGHT ONE WHEN IT COMES?
MERCILESSLY, THE TINY HUMANS TAUNT THEIR OPPRESSOR, UNTIL FINALLY...
ALRIGHT, YOU WIN! I'LL BRING YOU BACK TO NORMAL! BUT PLEASE...TELL ME WHICH IS THE RIGHT PILL...PLEASE!
CERTAINLY UNCLE! AFTER YOU KEEP YOUR WORD!
HURRY! I MAY HAVE AN ATTACK ANY MINUTE!
OHH H! IT FEELS THE SAME...AS THE FIRST TIME!
AND MINUTES LATER
BACK TO NORMAL! OH, BILL, IT FEELS WONDERFUL!
QUICKLY! WHICH IS THE GOOD PILL?
HA HA! IT WAS A BLUFF YOU OLD SCOUNDREL! THEY'RE ALL GOOD!
SO! A BLUFF, EH?! WELL, I'LL SHOW YOU HOW YOUR BLUFF WILL FAIL!
BILL...!

HE HAS A GUN!
YES! AND EITHER YOU TAKE THE POTION AGAIN, OR YOU DIE! JUST LET ME SWALLOW ONE OF MY PILLS, AND THEN...!
I SHOULDN'T HAVE TRUSTED SUCH A MADMAN!
QUICKLY, THE OLD MAN POURS A GLASS OF WATER, SWALLOWS A PILL...
AHHHH! AND NOW!
WE'LL DIE, THEN, BEFORE WE GO THROUGH SUCH TORTURE AGAIN!
AGGGH!! WHAT...?! OH NO! NO!
BILL! HE MUST HAVE TAKE SOME OF T THE POTION BY MISTAKE!
AND AGONIZING MOMENTS LATER....!
GOOD...! HE'S JUST LIKE WE WERE!
WE'LL HELP YOU, UNCLE! WE'LL...
NO, NO! YOU'LL KILL ME, STAY AWAY!
COME BACK! WE WON'T HURT YOU!
THE BIRD...LOOKOUT!
NO NO!!
WE TOLD YOU NOT TO...!!
OHHHHHH!
OH, BILL! WHAT A HORRIBLE ENDING— EVEN FOR HIM!
JANE, CAN IT POSSIBLY HAVE REALLY BEEN ... THE CURSE OF KING KALA?
THE END

DEATH
FROM THE
SEA
A REPORTER FOR A BIG CITY DAILY, I'VE SEEN MANY THINGS. BUT IT TOOK A TINY FISHING VILLAGE TO GIVE ME A STORY I STILL FIND HARD TO BELIEVE... THE STORY OF THE MARY B., THE MYSTERIOUS DROWNINGS.. AND A GHOST WHO BROUGHT....
DEATH from the SEA!
MY NAME IS LINDA CAIN, AND THIS IS MY STORY. IT BEGAN SIMPLY ENOUGH. I WAS SPENDING A QUIET VACATION IN THE LITTLE COASTAL TOWN OF ROCKYLAND. ONE NIGHT, AS I WAS STROLLING ALONG THE TINY BEACH...
AAAAHHHHHH
THAT SCREAM! IT CAME FROM ONE OF THOSE BIG HOUSES UP THERE!

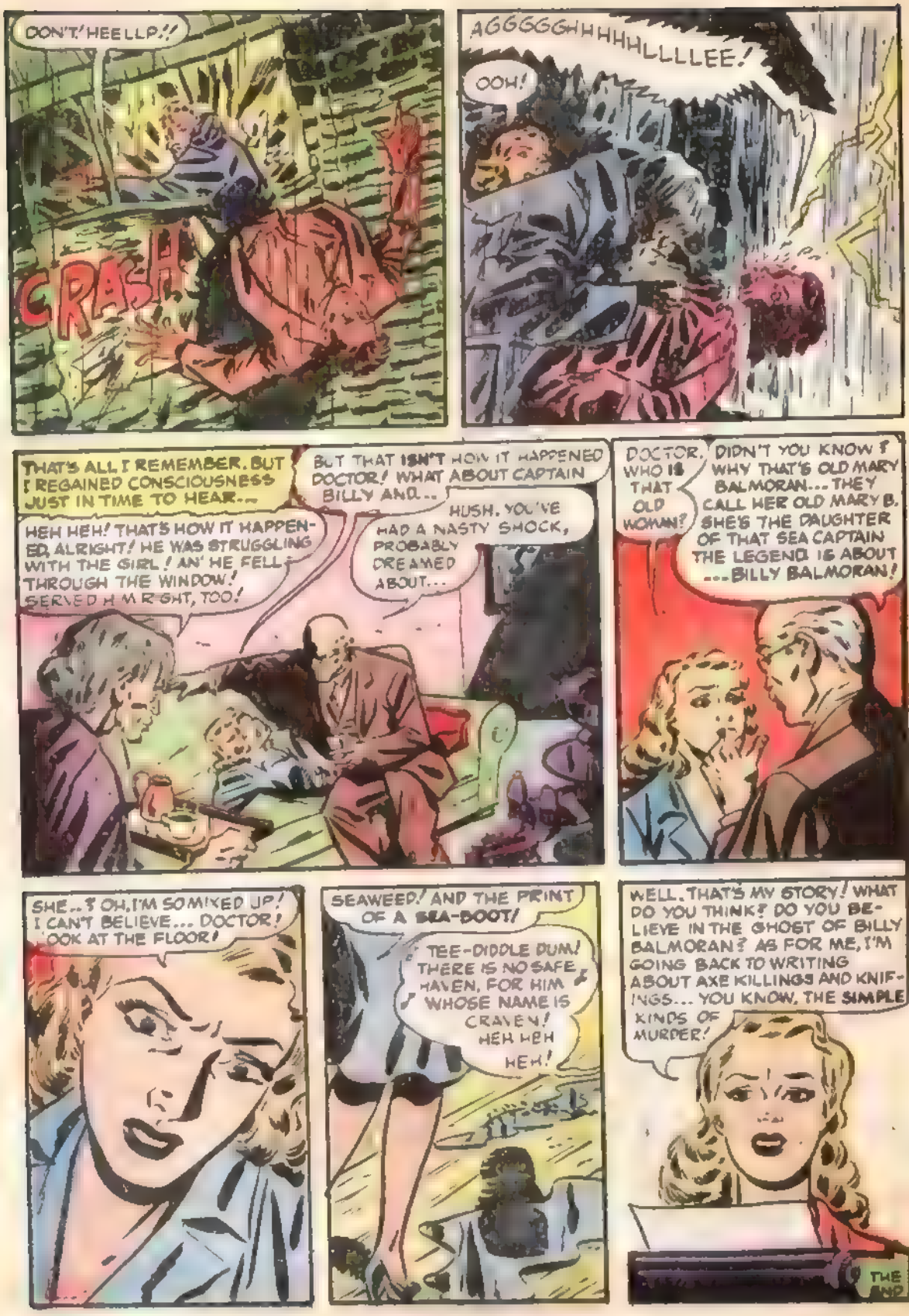

AS I PUSHED MY WAY THROUGH THE CROWD OF TOWNSPEOPLE IN THE FIRST BIG HOUSE....
HE'S DEAD...AND APPARENTLY OF DROWNING!
SO ELLIOT CRAVEN'S GONE ...SAME WAY AS HIS RELATIVES BEFORE HIM!
THAT MAKES KIM CRAVEN, THE LAST OF THE FAMILY.
DOCTOR, DO YOU MEAN THAT A PERSON CAN DIE OF DROWNING WHILE DRINKING WATER?
WELL, HE COULD HAVE HAD A CHOKING FIT, SWALLOWED TOO MUCH.....IT'S POSSIBLE BUT...
HEH HEH! POSSIBLE BUT NOT PROBABLE!
ALL OF YE KNOW HOW ELLIOT CRAVEN DIED... IT'S CAP'N BILLY'S REVENGE! KIM IS NEXT! HEH HEH HEH!
OLD MARY! I KNEW SHE WOULD BE CLOSE BY!
DOCTOR, WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
THE DOCTOR TOLD ME JUST ENOUGH OF THE STORY TO AROUSE MY CURIOSITY....
JUST SILLY SUPERSTITION, YOU SEE. THE ANCESTORS OF THE CRAVENS WERE SHIPWRECKERS, AND THE LOCAL FOLKS THINK THERE'S A CURSE ON THE FAMILY.
AND THIS KIM CRAVEN LIVES NEXT DOOR DOESN'T HE?
HMM! THERE OUGHT TO BE A SUNDAY FEATURE IN THIS
AND MOMENTS LATER I WAS CALLING ON KIM CRAVEN....
MR. CRAVEN? I'M LINDA CAIN, A REPORTER. I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A QUESTION ABOUT
THE CURSE OF THE CRAVENS? OF COURSE MY DEAR... COME IN! I SELDOM HAVE SUCH LOVELY VISITORS!
HE WAS TALKATIVE AND CHARMING, BUT...
BUT SOMEHOW THERE'S A TOUCH OF EVIL ABOUT HIM!
..IT'S ALL TRUE, EXCEPT FOR THE GHOST. I DON'T BELIEVE IN GHOSTS. HERE'S THE REAL REASON FOR THEIR STORIES, THEIR JEALOUSY...HERE IN THIS CHEST!


LOOK MY DEAR! A KING'S RANSOM! WHAT IF MY ANCESTORS WERE WRECKERS? THEY MADE US RICH...RICH!
HE-HE GIVES ME THE CREEPS!
HE... THANKS MR CRAVEN, I THINK I'D BETTER GO...
AND IT'S MINE, NOW THAT ELLIOT'S GONE ...ALL MINE, DO YOU HEAR? ALL I NEED IS SOMEONE TO SHARE IT WITH!
PLEASE, MR CRAVEN!
LET GO OF ME, YOU CRAZY...!
AND YOU ARE THE ONE I'LL SHARE IT WITH, LINDA! YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL, EXQUISITE! I CAN'T LET YOU GO! I'LL NEVER LET YOU GO!
HEH! HEH! OH YES YOU WILL KIM CRAVEN..!
YOU'LL LET GO OF HER RIGHT NOW... 'CAUSE I SAY YOU WILL!
YOU! W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? GET OUT OF MY HOUSE!
I'LL GO, KIM ..BUT I'M TAKIN' HER WITH ME! AND I'M WARNIN' YE...LEAVE THIS YOUNG LADY ALONE! COME MY DEAR!
YOU-YOU OLD WITCH!
WE'LL GO TO MY HOUSE, YOUNGSTER, AND I'LL TELL YE THE TRUE STORY OF THE BLACK-HEARTED CRAVENS AND THEIR DIRTY DEEDS!


AND SO I FOUND MYSELF IN THE OLD WOMAN'S TINY COTTAGE BY THE SEA, HEARING THE TALE OF THE CRAVENS, THE MARY B. ...AND CAP'N B LLY BALMORAN.
IT WAS MANY YEARS AGO THAT CAP'N BILLY BALMORAN SAILED THESE WATERS, MY GIRL. AN HE WAS RESPECTED BY EVERY MAN, AN LOVED BY HIS CREW...HIM AND HIS PRETTY LITTLE SCHOONER, THE MARY B. ...
A FINE BIG BUCK OF A MAN WAS BILLY BALMORAN...AND NO FOOL, HE KNEW THE SCURVY, MURDERIN TRICKS OF THE SHIP-WRECKIN CRAVENS!
BUT ONE NIGHT WHEN CAP'N BILLY WAS CATCHIN' FORTY WINKS, HIS MATE FELL FOR THE FALSE SIGNALS OF THE CRAVENS... AND THE POOR MARY B PILED UP ON DEAD MAN'S
SHE WAS LOST WITH ALL HANDS, AND A SAD PROCESSION IT WAS THAT NIGHT WHEN THE BODIES FLOATED ASHORE AND THE TOWNFOLK CARR ED 'EM UP THE BLUFFS. THEY NEVER DID FIND THE BODY OF BILLY BALMORAN THOUGH...
BUT THEY SAY THAT BEFORE DAWN THE NEXT DAY, THERE WAS HEARD THE THUD OF HEAVY FOOTSTEPS COMING UP FROM THE SEA, AND THE SOUND OF WATER ASQUISHIN' OUT OF A MAN'S SEA-BOOT...
THUMP!
SQUISH
THUMP
SOME CLAIM IT WAS THE GHOST OF BILLY BALMORAN, COME BACK FROM THE SEA SEEKIN' REVENGE AGAINST THE CRAVENS! AT ANY RATE, ONE THING IS CERTAIN ...

....EVERY CRAVEN FROM THAT DAY ON HAS DIED OF DROWNIN' AN' BECAUSE I'M ALWAYS AROUND WHEN THEY DO... THEY CALL ME A WITCH, FOOLISH, AIN'T IT?
'CAUSE NOBODY BELIEVES IN GHOSTS AND WITCHES NOWADAYS! HEH HEH HEH!
IT'S A FASCINATING STORY, BUT. BUT I MUST BE GETTING BACK TO THE HOTEL
I DREAMED THAT NIGHT OF BILLY BALMORAN AND THE MARY B. BUT NEXT DAY, JUST AS I HAD DECIDED TO FORGET THE WHOLE THING...
OH IT'S JUST ONE OF THOSE SILLY SUPERSTITIONS...!
MESSAGE FOR MISS LINDA CAIN!
IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CRAVENS, COME TO THE COTTAGE AGAIN TONIGHT.
FROM THE OLD WOMAN. OH, WELL... MIGHT AS WELL GO, WHY DISAPPOINT THE POOR OLD THING?
IT WAS POURING RAIN THAT NIGHT WHEN I ARRIVED AT THE COTTAGE. NO ONE ANSWERED MY KNOCK, SO...
HELLO! HELLO! ANYONE HOME?
OHHHH!
KIM CRAVEN! BUT I THOUGHT...
THAT THE OLD WOMAN SENT THE NOTE? NO SHES GONE ON A FOOL'S ERRAND... AND YOU AND I ARE COMPLETELY ALONE AT LAST, MY DEAR!

I TOLD YOU I'D NEVER LET YOU GO, LINDA! YOU'RE MINE DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
STOP IT YOU FOOL OR I'LL... LISTEN! THAT NOISE!
SQUISH
SQUISH
THUD THUD
THE THUD OF HEAVY FOOTSTEPS COMING UP FROM THE SEA! AND THE SOUND OF WATER SQUISHING OUT OF..
SEA-BOOTS! AND THEY'RE COMING-- RIGHT TO THIS DOOR! OH, NO! IT CAN'T BE!
Y-YOU!
YES, 'T S I, YE BLACK DEVIL! BUT I AM NOT ALONE THIS TIME..
...FOR BILLY BALHORAN HAS COME FOR THE LAST OF THE CRAVENS!
NO!
NO! NO YOU CAN'T KILL ME, WHATEVER YOU ARE...I-I'LL REFUSE TO DRINK ANYTHING! THE LEGEND SAYS I MUST DROWN. BUT THERE'S NO WATER! I WON'T DROWN!
STAY AWAY! YOU CAN'T DROWN ME. YOU CAN'T!
BUT I CAN KIM CRAVEN!


DON'T! HEELLP!!
CRASH!
AGGGGGHHHHHLLLLEE!
OOH!
THAT'S ALL I REMEMBER. BUT I REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS JUST IN TIME TO HEAR--
HEH HEH! THAT'S HOW IT HAPPENED, ALRIGHT! HE WAS STRUGGLING WITH THE GIRL! AN' HE FELL THROUGH THE WINDOW! SERVED H M RIGHT, TOO!
BUT THAT ISN'T HOW IT HAPPENED DOCTOR! WHAT ABOUT CAPTAIN BILLY AND...
HUSH. YOU'VE HAD A NASTY SHOCK, PROBABLY DREAMED ABOUT...
DOCTOR, WHO IS THAT OLD WOMAN?
DIDN'T YOU KNOW? WHY THAT'S OLD MARY BALMORAN... THEY CALL HER OLD MARY B. SHE'S THE DAUGHTER OF THAT SEA CAPTAIN THE LEGEND IS ABOUT ...BILLY BALMORAN!
SHE..? OH, I'M SO MIXED UP! I CAN'T BELIEVE... DOCTOR! LOOK AT THE FLOOR!
SEAWEED! AND THE PRINT OF A SEA-BOOT!
TEE-DIDDLE DUM! THERE IS NO SAFE HAVEN, FOR HIM WHOSE NAME IS CRAVEN! HEH HEH HEH!
WELL, THAT'S MY STORY! WHAT DO YOU THINK? DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE GHOST OF BILLY BALMORAN? AS FOR ME, I'M GOING BACK TO WRITING ABOUT AXE KILLINGS AND KNIFINGS... YOU KNOW, THE SIMPLE KINDS OF MURDER!
THE END

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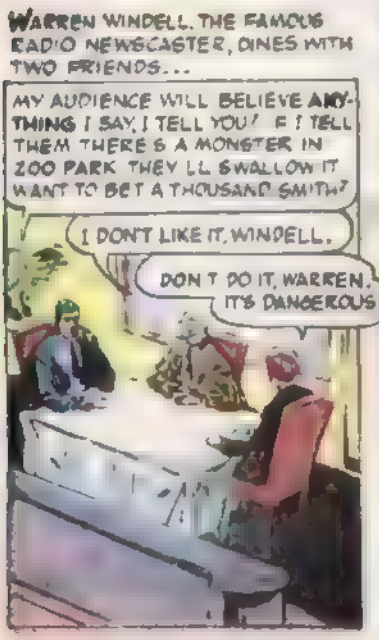
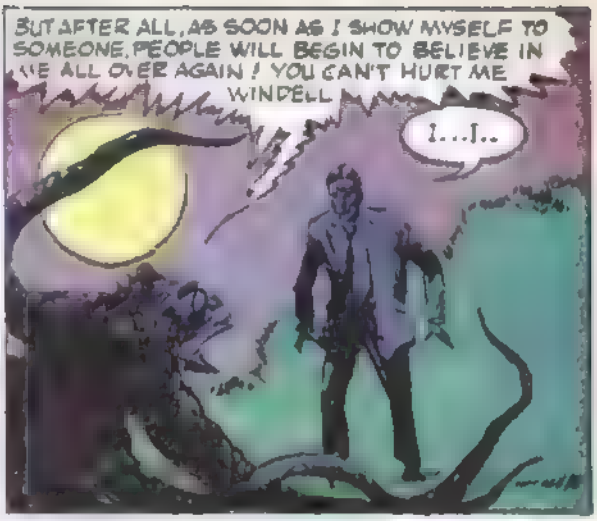


AND SO, LATER THAT NIGHT....
...UNCONFIRMED REPORT OF MONSTER IN ZOO PARK, REPORTED AS HUMANOID, TWO FEET TALL WITH HEAD OF FROG AND TENTACLES INSTEAD OF ARMS. IT IS THOUGHT TO BE DANGEROUS. A WOMAN, DRIVING THROUGH THE PARK...
FANTASTIC! BUT IF WINDELL SAYS SO...
HE'S ALWAYS RIGHT, AFTER ALL!
THERE'S A MONSTER IN ZOO PARK!
IF WINDELL SAYS SO! BELIEVE IT!
BY THE TIME THE LATE PAPERS HIT THE STREET, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE BELIEVED IN THE MONSTER!
MONSTER IN THE PARK!
I HEARD IT WAS FIVE FEET HIGH!
IS THAT WHAT WINDELL SAID?
AND IN THE CITY ROOM OF A BIG DAILY...
HERE WE GO! WANNA BET SOMEBODY'S SEEN THE MONSTER?
NO BET WELL HAVE A HUNDRED CALLS BEFORE MORNING!
THIS IS JIM MILLIGAN, A GUARD AT THE ZOO. I SEEN THE MONSTER!!
THAT SO? WHAT DID HE LOOK LIKE?
"JUST LIKE WINDELL SAID, HE LOOKS! I WAS GOING BY THE BIG CATS CAGE AND!..
HMMPH! SOMETHIN' MAKIN' THE CATS RESTLESS! BETTER CHECK!
..."AND THEN I SAW HIM, TENTACLES AND FROG'S HEAD AND ALL! MAN, DID I RUN! I'M LOCKED IN THE OFFICE NOW. SEND SOME COPS TO GET ME OUT, WILL YA?"
EEEE YOWWWWWW!

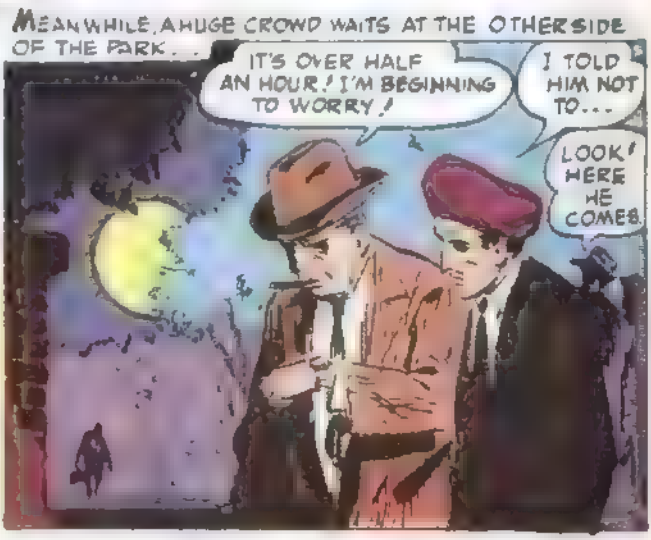
NEXT MORNING IN WINDELL'S OFFICE ...
WARREN, YOU MUST DENY THIS STORY! LOOK AT THIS HEADLINE! "SIX FOOT MONSTER ATTACKS ZOO GUARD!"
THAT GUARD JUST HAD AN OVERACTIVE IMAGINATION!
IF PEOPLE BELIEVE ANYTHING YOU SAY, WARREN...
...WHY NOT TELL THEM IT WAS ALL A MISTAKE, AND END THIS NONSENSE, THEN?
THAT, THEY WON'T BELIEVE. THEY'D THINK I WAS LYING TO CALM THEM. BUT DON'T WORRY. THE WHOLE THING WILL PETER OUT IN A COUPLE OF DAYS...
BUT THAT NIGHT OUTSIDE THE ZOO...
HELP! HELP! THE MONSTER! IT KILLED JERRY!
EASY EASY, BUDDY! TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT!
WE BEEN WORKING IN PAIRS SINCE THIS MONSTER BUSINESS, JERRY AND ME WERE WALKING ALONG....
YOU REALLY BELIEVE IN THIS MONSTER BALONEY?
I--I DON'T KNOW, JERRY...
WHEN ALL OF A SUDDEN....
AAAA AAAKK KKKK!
I...I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING! THE MONSTER WAS BIG...TOO BIG! I... I JUST RAN!
NEXT DAY IN WINDELL'S OFFICE....
IT'S TERRIBLE, WARREN! ONE GUARD MISSING, THE REST REFUSE TO WORK, THE ANIMALS ARE STARVING...
AND NOW THEY BELIEVE THE MONSTER IS EIGHT FEET TALL!
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT, YOU CRY BABIES! I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I'LL DO. I'LL PROVE THAT THERE'S NO MONSTER! AFTER ALL, I CREATED HIM... HA HA HA!

AND THAT AFTERNOON, HEADLINES SCREAMED THE STARTLING NEWS...
ion Times
WINDELL DENIES EXISTENCE OF MONSTER
WILL WALK ACROSS PARK ALONE AT MIDNIGHT
AND SO AT MIDNIGHT...
IT'S SILLY TO CARRY THIS WIRE RECORDER, SMITH NOTHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN!
WARREN, I BEG YOU NOT TO GO!
TAKE IT WARREN. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO PLAY BACK YEARS FROM NOW.
MIDNIGHT, MR WINDELL
SEE YOU ON THE OTHER SIDE IN HALF AN HOUR!
THE MIKE WILL PICK UP WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY. TALK AS YOU WALK ALONG
A BRAVE MAN.. BUT A FOOL TO MEDDLE WITH THE UNKNOW!
TEN MINUTES LATER...
WELL FOR THE SAKE OF THE RECORD, I'M NOW AT THE CAGES OF THE BIG CATS. THEY DO SEEM RESTLESS. BUT THERE'S NO SIGN OF ANY MONSTER!
AS I'VE SAID, THERE JUST ISN'T ANY... AAAAAAAAAA!
ISN'T THERE, WINDELL?
NO! NOOO! YOU CAN'T BE REAL I IMAGINED YOU MYSELF!
TRUE! BUT A MILLION PEOPLE BELIEVE IN ME, WINDELL...AND THEIR BELIEF GIVES ME LIFE AND GROWTH!

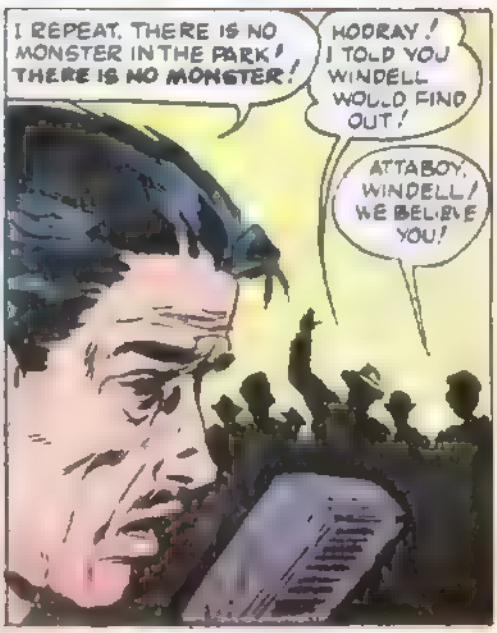
YOU...YOU CAN'T KILL ME! I CREATED YOU.. YOU MIGHT DIE TOO!
I KNOW WHAT YOU INTEND TO DO. YOU'RE GOING TO TELL PEOPLE I DON'T EXIST. BUT THAT CAN ONLY MAKE ME GROW SMALLER


BUT AFTER ALL, AS SOON AS I SHOW MYSELF TO SOMEONE, PEOPLE WILL BEGIN TO BELIEVE IN ME ALL OVER AGAIN! YOU CAN'T HURT ME WINDELL
I...I..

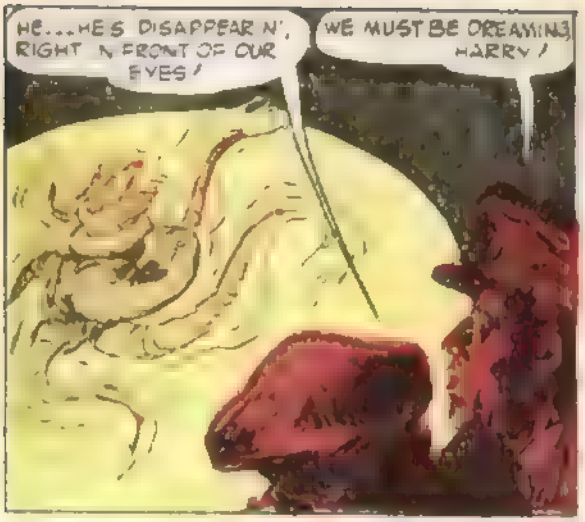
AND THE MORE PEOPLE THAT BELIEVE, THE MORE I SHALL GROW, AND GROW AND GROW. BUT BEST OF ALL, WINDELL, IS THE FACT THAT...


MEANWHILE, A HUGE CROWD WAITS AT THE OTHERSIDE OF THE PARK...
IT'S OVER HALF AN HOUR! I'M BEGINNING TO WORRY!
I TOLD HIM NOT TO...
LOOK! HERE HE COMES

HERE, MR. WINDELL! SPEAK RIGHT INTO THE MICROPHONE, PLEASE!
HE MADE IT NOTHING HAPPENED AFTER ALL!
NO? LOOK AT HIS FACE! COME ON HE NEEDS HELP!


I REPEAT, THERE IS NO MONSTER IN THE PARK! THERE IS NO MONSTER!
HOORAY! I TOLD YOU WINDELL WOULD FIND OUT!
ATTABOY, WINDELL! WE BELIEVE YOU!

TA-TAKE ME HOME, WILL YOU?
SURE WARREN... RIGHT AWAY!
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
TELL US ABOUT IT WARREN WHAT HAP....?
NO! NO, I'M SORRY, BUT IT'S BETTER IF I DON'T. YOU BOTH BEEN KIND BUT...
...I THINK I'LL... LIE DOWN FOR AWHILE GOOD-BYE!
GOODBYE! WHAT CAN HAVE HAPPENED...?
LOOK AHMED... THE RECORDER. MAYBE WE CAN FIND OUT!
A MOMENT LATER...
WELL FOR THE SAKE OF THE RECORD, I'M NOW AT THE CAGES OF BIG CATS. THEY...
BANG
A SHOT FROM WARREN'S ROOM!
AT THAT MOMENT, AS TWO GUARD RETURN TO WORK AT THE ZOO...
HEY! WHAT'S THAT GURGLING SOUND?
HARRY! SHINE YOUR LIGHT OVER HERE!
IT... IT'S THE MONSTER!
BUT HE... HE MUSTA SHRUNK OR SOMETHING! AND WHAT'S HE DOING?

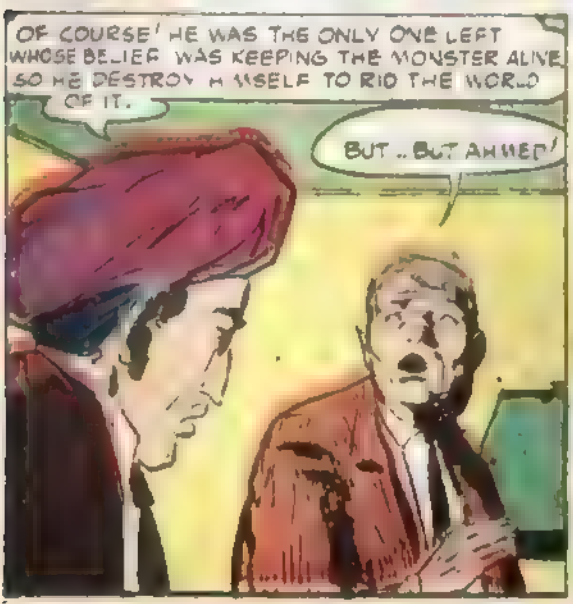

HE...HE'S DISAPPEAR'N', RIGHT IN FRONT OF OUR EYES!
WE MUST BE DREAMING, HARRY!

LEMME OUTA HERE! I QUIT! LEMME OUT!
WAIT HARRY! IT MUSTA BEEN ONE OF THEM OPTICAL ILLUSIONS!

AND IN WINDELL'S HOME...
POOR WARREN WHY WOULD HE KILL HIMSELF?
SMITH! WE LEFT THE RECORDER ON AND LISTEN!
I SHALL GROW AND GROW BUT BEST OF ALL WINDELL, IS THE FACT THAT AS LONG AS YOU LIVE...

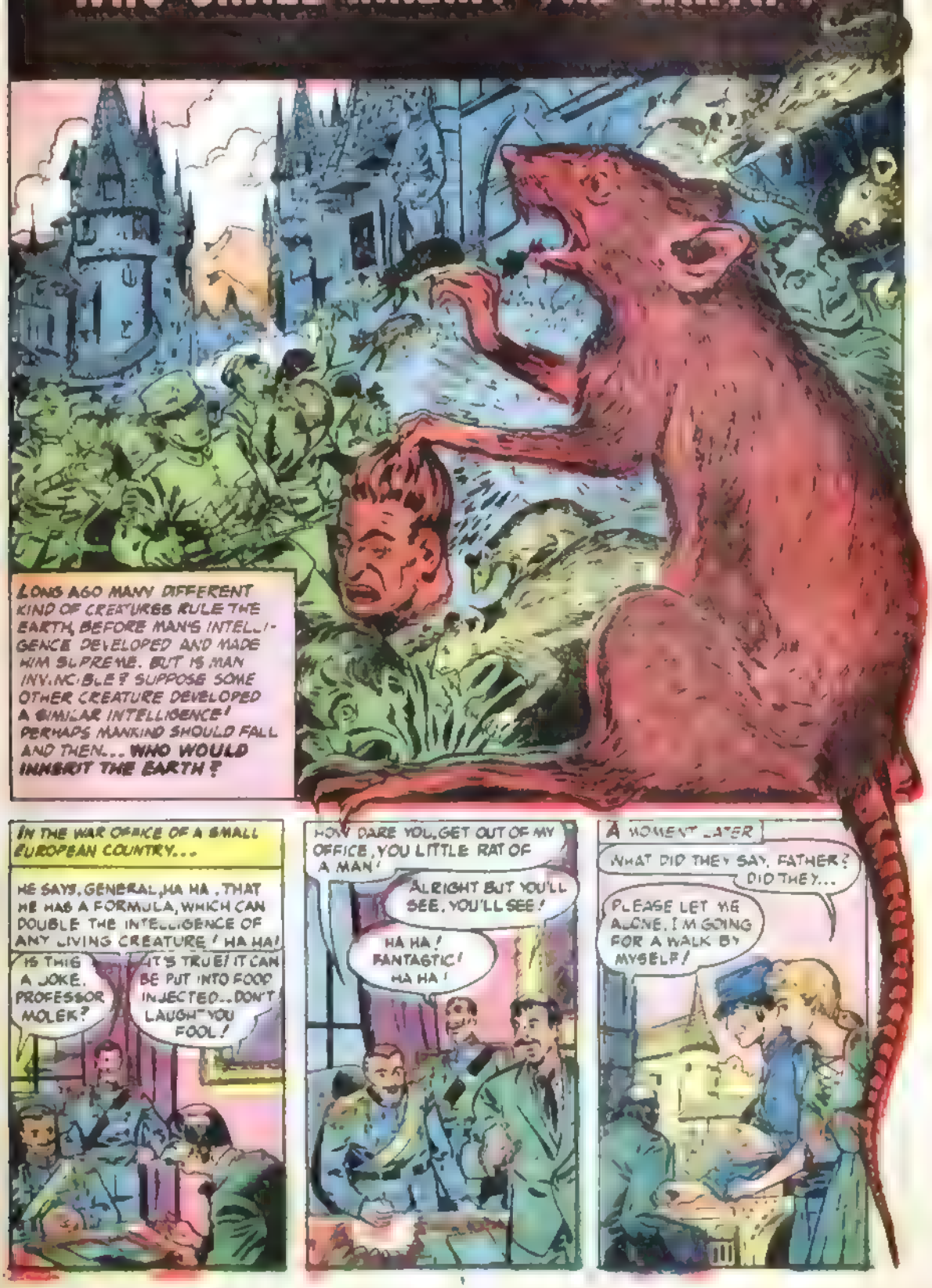
...I SHALL LIVE! BECAUSE YOU OF ALL MEN MUST BELIEVE IN ME! HA HA HA! GO NOW WINDELL... AND A LONG LIFE TO YOU HA HA!
GOOD HEAVENS! THE THING WAS REAL!

WARREN CONVINCED EVERYONE THAT THERE WAS NO MONSTER... EVERYONE BUT HIMSELF.
THEN HE SHOT HIMSELF BECAUSE...


OF COURSE! HE WAS THE ONLY ONE LEFT WHOSE BELIEF WAS KEEPING THE MONSTER ALIVE SO HE DESTROY HIMSELF TO RID THE WORLD OF IT.
BUT..BUT AHMED!

NOW WE BELIEVE IN IT! SUPPOSE...?
DON'T SAY IT YOU FOOL! DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT!

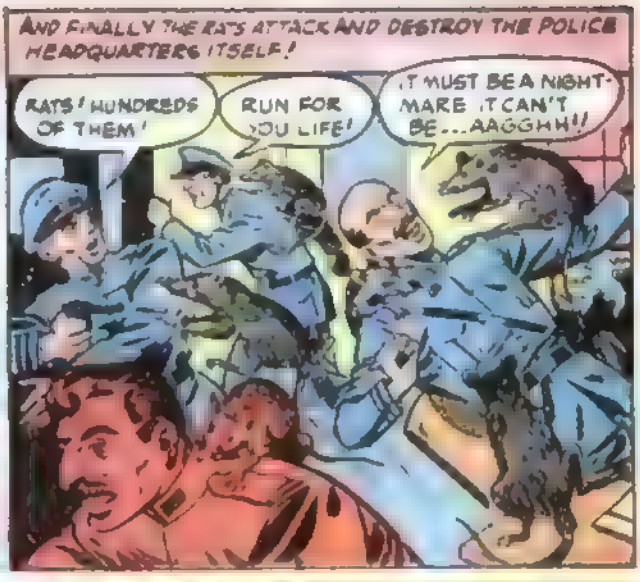
"WHO SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH?"

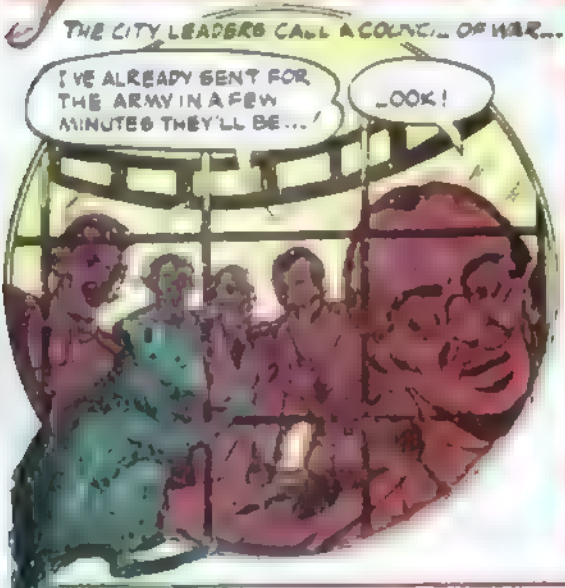


POOR FATHER, THEY MUST HAVE LAUGHED AT HIM AGAIN!
DON'T WORRY ANNA DARLING. HE'LL BE ALRIGHT WHEN HE GETS OVER FEELING ANGRY.
BUT AS PROFESSOR MOLEK STUMBLE ALONG IN A BLIND RAGE...
IDIOTS! MORONS! I'LL SHOW THEM SOME-DAY!
IF ONLY I HAD SOMETHING TO EXPERIMENT ON, I'D AAAAAAH!
THE PROFESSOR IS UNHURT BUT...
UGH! I MUST BE IN THE SEWERS I'LL... GOOD HEAVENS!
RATS, THOUSANDS OF THEM! AND YET THEY SEEM FRIENDLY ENOUGH. HA! WHY SHOULDN'T THEY? DON'T I LOOK LIKE THEM? INTELLIGENT, TOO, AND..
INTELLIGENT! OF COURSE, ONE OF THE MOST INTELLIGENT SPECIES ON EARTH! AND THEY BREED LIKE RABBITS..PERFECT TO TEST MY FORMULA!
HA! HA! I'LL BE BACK, MY FRIENDS WITH PLENTY OF VERY SPECIAL FOOD FOR YOU! AND IN A LITTLE WHILE WE'LL SHOW THOSE STUPID HUMANS A THING OR TWO... HA! HA! HA!

ONE YEAR LATER...
FATHER, I WANT YOU TO BE THE FIRST TO KNOW! KURT AND I ARE GETTING MARRIED!
HA! DON'T BOTHER ME WITH SUCH TRIFLES! I HAVE GREAT THINGS TO DO TODAY!
OH, KURT, WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO FATHER? HE'S BEEN SO STRANGE THE PAST YEAR!
I KNOW. I WISH I COULD FIND OUT WHAT HE'S DOING!
YOUR BROTHERS ALREADY RULE PARTS OF THE EARTH THAT ONCE WAS MAN'S. WHO INHABITS ANCIENT BABYLON? YOU THE RATS! WHO OWNS THE CRUMBLED CITIES OF EGYPT? YOU! AND SOON YOU WILL RULE ALL THE EARTH!
IF THEY ONLY KNEW! TEN MINUTES LATER MOLEK STANDS IN THE CAVERNOUS SEWER AND...
MY FRIENDS TODAY IS THE DAY! REMEMBER WHAT I'VE TOLD YOU...
DON'T FORGET THE PLAN. WE DISPOSE OF THE POLICE FIRST AND THE REST WILL BE HELPLESS! NOW GO AND CONQUER THE EARTH!
EEK! EEEEK! EEK! EEK! EEK!
THAT NIGHT THE RATS PUT MOLEK'S CLEANING STRATEGY TO WORK!
HELP, THE RATS— THEY'RE KILLING ME!
DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?
I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES! IT'S MANG AND HE'S COVERED WITH...

EVERY POLICEMAN IN THE STREETS IS ATTACKED!
AAAAAGGHHH!

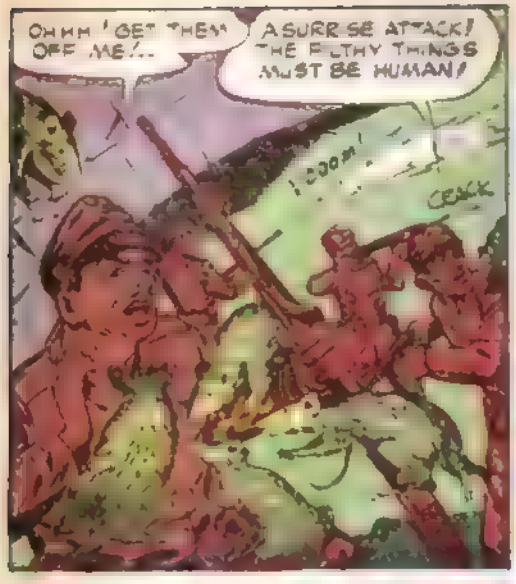

AND FINALLY THE RATS ATTACK AND DESTROY THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS ITSELF!
RATS! HUNDREDS OF THEM!
RUN FOR YOU LIFE!
IT MUST BE A NIGHTMARE IT CAN'T BE...AAGGHH!!

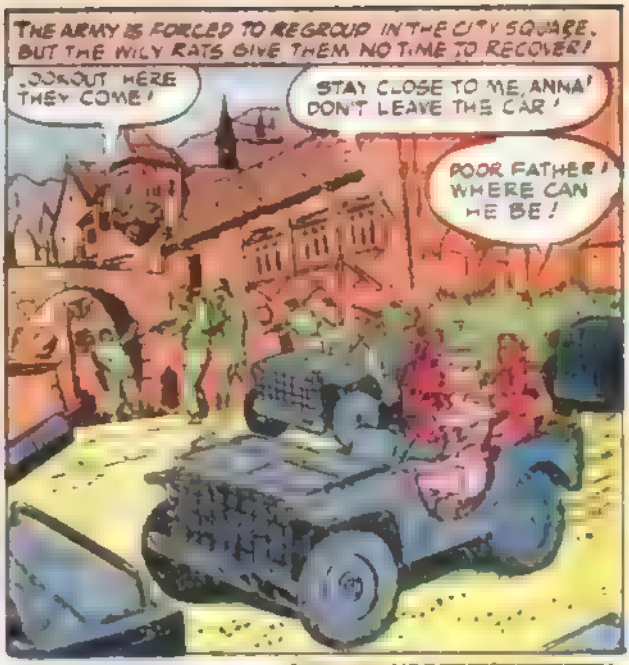

THE CITY LEADERS CALL A COUNCIL OF WAR...
I'VE ALREADY SENT FOR THE ARMY IN A FEW MINUTES THEY'LL BE...!
LOOK!

AND ARE MURDERED BEFORE A SINGLE ORDER HAS BEEN GIVEN!
AAAAAAAHHHH!
EEEAAG!
OOOHHH!

BY MORNING THE CITY IS A PANIC-STRICKEN SHAMBLES! REFUGEES CROWD THE STREETS HEADED FOR THE HARBORS AND EVACUATION!
AIIGGH!
NO! NO! I'D RATHER DIE! EEEEE!

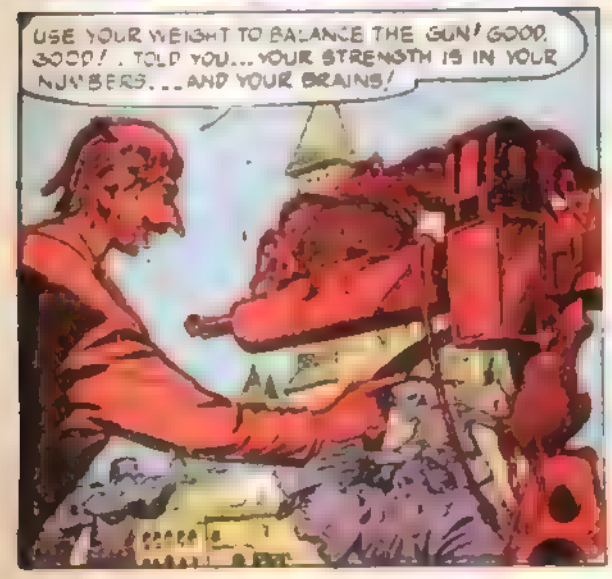
AT LAST THE ARMY ARRIVES TO FIND THE CITY STRANGELY QUIET, DESERTED. BUT....
WELL, WHERE ARE THE BLASTED RATS? JUST GIVE ME A CHANCE AT THEM WITH THIS FLAME-THROWER, I'LL...


OHHH! GET THEM OFF ME!..
A SURPRISE ATTACK! THE FILTHY THINGS MUST BE HUMAN!
!DOOM!
CRACK


THE ARMY IS FORCED TO REGROUP IN THE CITY SQUARE. BUT THE WILY RATS GIVE THEM NO TIME TO RECOVER!
..SCRAM! HERE THEY COME!
STAY CLOSE TO ME, ANNA! DON'T LEAVE THE CAR!
POOR FATHER! WHERE CAN HE BE!

IN A MOMENT THE BATTLE IS ON...
I CAN'T FIRE! I'LL HIT MY OWN MEN!
THE HOSES, GIVE THEM THE HOSES!
BUT... BUT THEY'VE CUT OFF THE WATER!! THEY'RE DEMONS!
EEEK!! SQUEEK

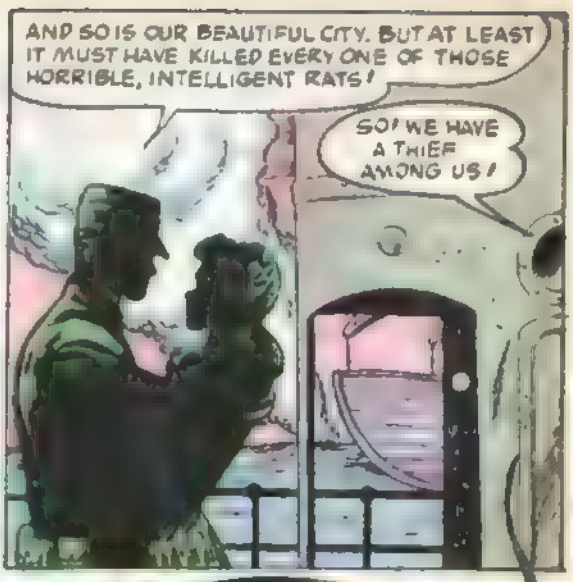
AND SUDDENLY, A WILD, SAVAGE APPEARS AMONG THE RATS.
THE MACHINE GUN! CAPTURE THE GUN! THAT'S IT MY BEAUTIES!

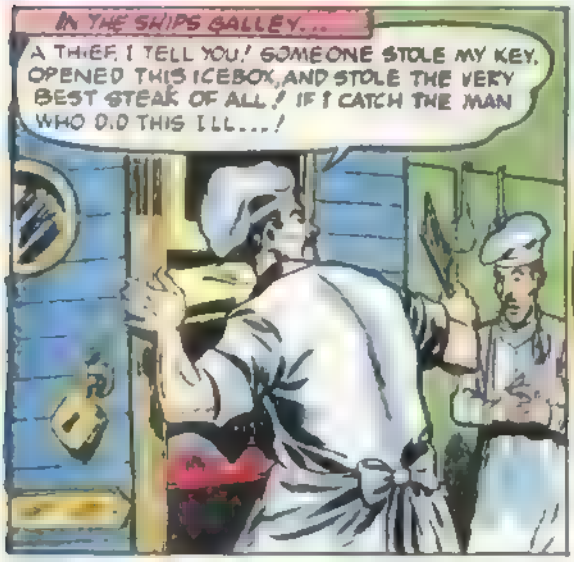

USE YOUR WEIGHT TO BALANCE THE GUN! GOOD, GOOD! I TOLD YOU... YOUR STRENGTH IS IN YOUR NUMBERS... AND YOUR BRAINS!

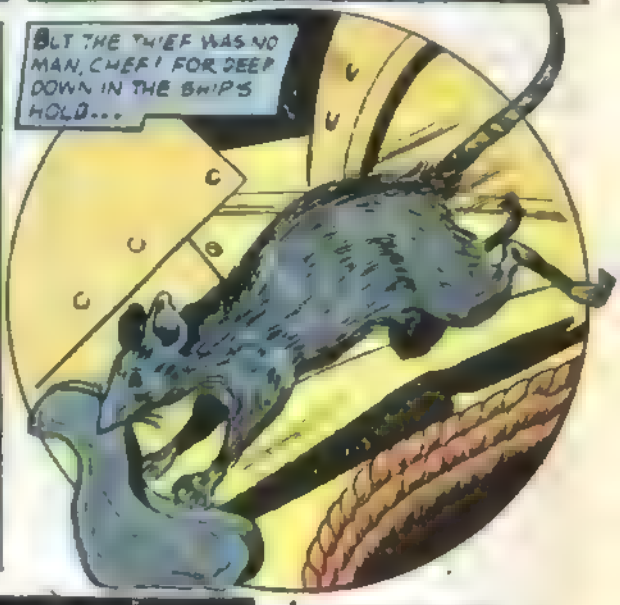
AND IN A MOMENT...
THE KNOW HOW TO FIRE THE GUNS! THEY KNOW HOW! WE CAN'T FIGHT THEM!
RAT-TAT-TAT

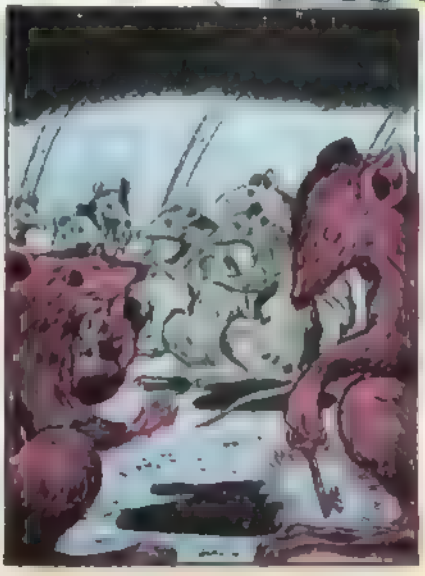
THE RATS ARE ASSURED OF A BLOODY GRUESOME VICTORY!
THEY'RE ON THE RUN, MY BEAUTIES! PURSUE THEM! KILL EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM!
THERE'S FATHER, I MUST SAVE HIM!
NO, ANNA DON'T..!
FATHER! FATHER!
THE RATS HAVE SPOTTED HER! DRIVER GET OVER THERE. QUICKLY!
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? YOUR FATHER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS WHOLE THING!
FATHER! OH, NO!
ZOOM
WE HAVE TIME TO MAKE THE LAST SHIP OUT OF THE HARBOR! HURRY!
FIGHTING EVERY INCH OF THE WAY, THE SOLDIERS REACHED THE LAST REMAINING SHIP...
BUT I CAN'T LEAVE FATHER!
WE MUST, COME ON!
CAST OFF! THEY'RE TRYING TO BOARD THE SHIP!

AND AT LAST, THE FEW SURVIVORS OF THE NIGHT-MARISH BATTLE SAIL FOR SAFETY!
WAIT! PLEASE..WAIT FOR ME! DON'T LEAVE.... AGGGAHH!
WE MADE IT! WE'RE SAFE!
SPLASH!
ACROSS EUROPE, A CONFERENCE OF HIGH U.N. OFFICIALS COMES TO A DECISION....
GENTLEMEN THERE CAN BE NO HESITATION. BEFORE THIS PLAGUE OF RODENTS SPREADS OVER THE WHOLE WORLD, WE MUST USE OUR MOST POTENT WEAPON!
AGREED!
AGREED!
AGREED!
..AND AN HOUR LATER, A HUGE AMERICAN BOMBER TAKES TO THE A.R.
WELL, MY FRIENDS, HISTORY IS ABOUT TO BE MADE!
AND SOON IN THE RAT-RULED CITY...
LOOK MY CONQUERORS! THEY ARE GOING TO TRY BOMBING US! HA HA! HURRY TO YOUR DEEPEST HOLES!
BUT BUT A MOMENT LATER THE MOST STUPENDOUS MAN-MADE EXPLOSION IN HISTORY SHAKES THE VERY FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH...
FOOLS! MY LITTLE FRIENDS CAN WEATHER ANY ATTACK... AND COME FORTH AGAIN TO RULE THE WORLD!
BAROOOOMMM!!
AND HIGH ABOVE IN THE BOMBER
WELL, THAT SHOULD ANSWER THE QUESTION!
YEAH! WHAT'S LEFT OF A CITY AFTER YOU DROP A HYDROGEN BOMB ON IT... IS A HOLE IN THE GROUND!









ALL THE SHIPS MUST REACH LAND SOMEWHERE. WHEN THIS ONE DOES, THE CUNNING, INTELLIGENT RATS WILL SCURRY ASHORE, AND... WELL, WE ALL KNOW HOW FAST RATS MULTIPLY! AND SO THE QUESTION STILL REMAINS. WHO SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH AFTER ALL?

THE END

'LIL' PEPP
IN
'EVERYONE WAS VERY LUCKY,--ESPECIALLY 'LIL' PEPP —
YOOHOO!--WAIT A MINUTE 'LIL' PEPP!-I'VE GOT THE MOST WONDERFUL NEWS IN THE WORLD FOR YOU,- NO FOOLING!
YOU REMEMBER THAT RAFFLE I STARTED? WELL IT'S ALL OVER, AND WAIT TILL YOU HEAR WHO THE LUCKY WINNERS WERE,- OBOY!
THE VERY FIRST PRIZE,-THE CYCLONE SCOOTER-MY BROTHER, HAL, WON,-PRETTY LUCKY, EH?
VERY LUCKY, I'D SAY!
--AND THE SECOND GRAND PRIZE, THAT BEAUTIFUL FULL-FURNISHED DOLL'S-HOUSE,-MY SISTER, WINNIE, WON THAT,--WASN'T SHE LUCKY, HUH?
VERY, VERY LUCKY I'D SAY!
THEN THE THIRD AND LAST PRIZE,- THE BASEBALL OUTFIT,-MY COUSIN, TED, WON THAT,-AND WASN'T HE LUCKY TOO?
VERY, VERY, VERY LUCKY!
--AND REMEMBER THAT TICKET I HAD FOR YOUR RAFFLE, DONALD?
SURE, SURE, 'LIL' PEPP,- OF COURSE I DO!
WELL I DIDN'T PAY YOU FOR IT YET,- SO AINT I THE LUCKIEST ONE OF ALL?

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